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1. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE PROPOSED GRANT IS TO ENCOURAGE IFE-OBERLIN TWINNING AND INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN RESPECTIVE UNIVERSITIES LOCATED IN BOTH CITIES. ASSUME CU/AF AGREES DESIRABILITY THAT OBJECTIVE.

2. IFE LOCAL COUNCIL KHOICE IS ITS OWN CHAIRMAN, AKINJOGBIN, WHO IS NOT ONLY PRINCIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT BUT KEY UNIFE ADMINISTRATOR AND FACULTY MEMBER. BELIEVE CU/AF PROPOSAL THAT POST TELL IFE COUNCIL ITS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE UNSATISFACTORY IS NOT FEASIBLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES AND COULD ENGENDER RESENTMENT WHICH COULD BLOCK IFE-OBERLIN TWINNING PERMANENTLY. IMPLEMENTATION CU/AF PROPOSAL WOULD ALSO SERIOUSLY HARM CONSULATE/USIS AND EMBASSY RELATIONS WITH BOTH CITY AND UNIVERSITY.

3. ACCORDING OUR READING OF CU CONCEPTS, RECOMMENDED GRANT WOULD ENLARGE CIRCLE OF INTERPRETERS BY ADVANCING SISTER CITY PROJECT WHICH WOULD LEAD TO FUTURE EXCHANGES WHICH SERVE OBJECTIVE I. GRANT WOULD ALSO STIMULATE "INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN DIRECTIONS WHICH AFFECT MUTUAL COMPREHENSION AND CONFIDENCE" AND REDUCE "STRUCTURAL AND TECHNICAL IMPEDIMENTS TO EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND INFORMATION" (OBJECTIVES II AND II).

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